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HAMILTON RACES

BY appointment of the Stewards, to begin on Monday the 7th Auguſt. The articles will be mentioned in a future advertiſement.

This Day was publiſhed,

A CATALOGUE of an Elegant and

Select Collection of PRINTS, and PAINTINGS on GLASS, which will be expoſed to ſale by W. MARTIN Auctioneer, at the Auction-Room, next door to Corri and Sutherland's Muſic Shop, Bridge-ſtreet, on MONDAY, May 22. 1786, and the two following evenings, at ſeven o'clock,

CONSISTING OF

A Variety of PORTRAITS of celebrated perſons;
A number of Fine LANDSCAPES and VIEWS by Sea and Land, fanciful and humorous, &c. &c.
By the moſt eminent Artiſts, viz.

Bartolozzi,	Earlom,	Greuze,
Strange,	Green,	Michel,
Ryland,	Sherwin,	Delattre,
Woollett,	Stubbs,	Tomkins, &c. &c.

After the beſt Maſters, ancient and modern, particularly

Rubens,	Cortona,	Weſt,
Raphael,	Salvator,	Reynolds,
Rembrandt,	Da Vinci,	Angelica,
Vandyke,	Amiconi,	Bunbury,
Titian,	Dominica,	Coſway, &c.
Guido,	Guercino,	

Among which are ſeveral ſcarce and valuable impreſſions.

A Collection like the above, containing ſo many eſteemed ancient and modern Prints, (and many of the latter elegantly framed and glazed) ſeldom occurs, and claims the attention of the Connoiſſeur, as well as of thoſe Gentlemen who wiſh to adorn their houſes with good Prints at an eaſy rate.

To be ſeen on the forenoon preceding each night's ſale, between the hours of eleven and three o'clock;—and Catalogues may be had at the Auction Room, and of W. Martin, at his ſhop, head of the Weſt Bow.

In the Preſs, and ſpeedily will be Publiſhed,

A COLLECTION OF STYLES.

THE JURIDICAL SOCIETY have compiled a complete Collection of STYLES, which they intend to publiſh in three vols. quarto, conſiſting of Heritable Rights, Perſonal and Moveable Rights and Signet Letters.

It is propoſed at preſent to publiſh only the firſt volume, which comprehends the Heritable Styles, and contains the following titles.

1. Family ſettlements.
2. Services.
3. Alienations to ſingular ſucceſſors.
4. Redeemable rights.
5. Conveyances of redeemable rights.
6. Signatures and other grants.
7. Grants by progreſs from a ſubject ſuperior.
8. Completion of real rights by inſeſtment.
9. Extinction of real redeemable rights.
10. Leaſes, with conveyances and extinctions of ditto.

This volume will be publiſhed in the courſe of the next ſummer Seſſion.

WILFUL FIRE-RAISING.

WHEREAS the LINT-MILL at Cameron-Bridge, near Kennoway, in Fifeſhire, belonging to James Alexander there, was burnt to the ground between two and three o'clock of the morning of Saturday the 6th May current, and there is reaſon to believe that the ſame was done wilfully by ſome malicious or evil-diſpoſed perſons,

Theſe are offering a reward of TWENTY POUNDS Sterling, to be paid upon conviction of the offender, to any perſon or perſons who ſhall, within three months from this date, give information thereof at the Friendly Inſurance Office againſt loſſes by fire, in Edinburgh, ſo that the perſon or perſons, guilty of this malicious act, may be brought to condign puniſhment; and the name of the perſon giving ſuch information ſhall be concealed, if deſired.

Edinburgh Friendly Inſurance Office, May 19. 1786.

Edinburgh Friendly Inſurance Office.

MAY 13. 1786.

THE Premiums and King's Duty due upon Inſurances in this Office, at the preſent term of Whitſunday, are deſired to be paid up immediately, as by neglecting the payment fifteen days after the term day, the benefit of the Policy expires. Perſons inſured will pleaſe, therefore, call at the Office, where receipts are granted for the annual Premiums, and Policies iſſued for new Inſurances.

COUNTY OF STIRLING.

To the Freeholders, Juſtices of Peace, Commiſſioners of Supply, and all others, Heritors in the County of Stirling.

WHEREAS ſeveral reſpectable Heritors, Freeholders of this county, have required of me to indicate a meeting at Stirling, which is to take into conſideration what proper ſteps are now to be taken to prevent a bill, now depending, from paſſing into a law, which they do apprehend, in its preſent form, will conſiderably hurt the intereſt of the landed property in Scotland, and in particular the ſmall diſtillers.

This is, therefore, to give notice, That a General Meeting of theſe afore-mentioned will be held at Stirling on Tueſday the 23d of this month of May, when the conſideration of proper times for opening the ports will alſo be before the Meeting.

(Signed) JAMES BRUCE, Convener.

Exchequer Chambers, May 15. 1786.

BY ORDER OF THE BARONS,

THIS intimation is given, That there have been preſented to their Lordſhips two petitions, the one from "John Callander, ſhoemaker in Canongate," and the other from "Helen Ker, *alias* Good; and Iſobel, Agnes, and Margaret Ker, daughters and only children of Janet Ford, who was eldeſt of the two daughters, and only lawful children of Helen Cromby, procreated between her and ——— Ford her huſband; and Margaret Mackay only child of Helen Ford, who was the other of the two daughters, and only lawful children of the ſaid Helen Cromby, procreated between her and her ſaid huſband,"—ſeverally praying for gift of the eſtate and effects which belonged to the deceaſed Charlesſmith, grocer in Canongate of Edinburgh, a baſtard. Which petitions, will be under conſideration of the Court next term, which commences 13th June.

Houſes and Gardens in Queen Street.

To be SOLD by Private Bargain,

THE HOUSE, OFFICES, and GARDEN in Queen Street, built by Robert Ord, Eſq; late Lord Chief Baron of the Court of Exchequer.

ALSO,

The HOUSE and GARDEN in the ſame Street poſſeſſed by Mr Steuart.

For particulars, enquire of Mr John Young wright, Thiſtle Street.

Italian, French, and Spaniſh Languages.

LADIES and Gentlemen inſtructed publicly, or at their own houſes, in the Italian, French, and Spaniſh Languages, by Mr BLAIR, who has ſtudied theſe Languages under eminent Maſters, in different countries, and had experience in Teaching.

By deſire of ſome Ladies and Gentlemen, two Public Italian Claſſes, one for the former, another for the latter, will be opened ſoon; by which an opportunity (ſeldom met with) may be had of learning, at a very moderate expence, one of the moſt beautiful of Languages.

Directions to be left with Bailie James Dickſon bookſeller, Croſs, Edinburgh.

According to the wiſh of ſome reſpectable families, Mr BLAIR teaches during the evening in Leith alſo.—Such as pleaſe to honour him with their attendance in that place, will leave their commands with Bailie Adolphus Sceales, Links of Leith.

EDUCATION.

EDINBURGH, 17th MAY 1786.

ROBERT NICHOL, late Maſter of the Commercial Academy in Glaſgow, will open Claſſes on Monday the 22d current, at his houſe, head of Dickſon's Cloſe, for the following branches of Education.

WRITING—On the moſt approved principles, as it is now taught by the moſt eminent penmen.

ARITHMETIC—The elementary rules are demonſtrated in a way beſt ſuited to inform the judgment, and the learner is accuſtomed to apply them to practice in a neat and ready manner. The doctrine of fractions, vulgar and decimal, is taught. The nature and origin of fractions in general is explained, and their utility in arithmetical and mercantile computations pointed out. A variety of exerciſes are given, with a view to illuſtrate the application of the elementary rules to the practice of real buſineſs.

BOOK-KEEPING—The principles of the Italian method are explained, and a ſet of problems, comprehending all the variety of caſes that occur in domeſtic and foreign trade are exhibited, in order to facilitate the method of journalizing. The practice of this art is illuſtrated in ſeveral forms adapted to buſineſs of different kinds. Care is taken to introduce as much variety in the forms, and to preſerve as much reſemblance to real buſineſs as can be maintained in an initiatory courſe of this kind. To this will be added the principles of mercantile and revenue laws. Theſe branches are taught extenſively, and are intended to comprehend whatever is neceſſary in this line to qualify a young gentleman for merchandize.

ALGEBRA—Chiefly with a view to explain the grounds of the higher and more difficult parts of arithmetic; as compound intereſt, annuities, doctrine of chances, extraction of roots, logarithms, &c.

MATHEMATICS—This part comprehends Euclid's Elements of geometry, trigonometry plain and ſpherical, practical geometry, land ſurveying, navigation, menſuration of ſurfaces and ſolids, artificers meaſuring, &c.

In this department an abridgment of Euclid's Elements is uſed, in which many of the propoſitions of leſs conſequence are omitted; the demonſtrations are much ſhortened; and ſometimes, particularly in the fifth book, the manner of demonſtrating is altered. The whole is ſo arranged as to lay a proper foundation for all the parts of practical mathematics.

GEOGRAPHY antient and modern, with the uſe of the globes—The philoſophical part of this ſcience is explained in a courſe of lectures, and the different phenomena ariſing from the figure and motion of the earth illuſtrated by the globe. The different countries, with their ſituations and extents, are pointed out on the globe and maps; and an account given of their climate, produce, manufactures, and commerce. This will be accompanied with a ſketch of ancient and modern hiſtory.

Young ladies are taught writing, arithmetic, and geography.—Young ladies and gentlemen will be attended at their own lodgings, if deſired.

As Mr Nichol has had opportunities of knowing buſineſs, and has been employed in ſettling intricate accounts, he will inſpect and examine merchants books, in order to correct ſuch miſtakes as may be found, and will adjuſt and ſettle accounts of every kind. He will likewiſe make up reports on remits from the Court of Seſſion, as an accountant.

Youth are boarded on reaſonable terms.

There will be no vacation this ſeaſon.

Ironmongery and Braſiery Goods.

CHARLES CRAWFORD, IRONMONGER & BRASIER, oppoſite Cheſſels's Court, head of Canongate, Edinburgh, reſpectfully takes this method of acquainting his Friends and Cuſtomers in particular, and the Public in general, that he continues to carry on buſineſs as formerly, and has on hand a large and elegant aſſortment of

IRONMONGERY AND BRASIERY GOODS:

SUCH AS

Carron grates, ſteel mounted or with caſt bars
Pantheon ditto, ſteel mounted
Steel fenders, fire irons, &c.
Annealed Carron pots, round or oval
Fiſh kettles
Goblets and ſtew pans
Boilers with braſs cocks, and tea kettles
Cylinder ovens
Common pots and pottage kettles
Adjuſted weights and door knockers
Smoothing irons, and box ditto
Heater ſtoves, and common heaters
Frying pans, &c.

IN COPPER,

Broth and ſoup pots
French and other ſtew pans
Fiſh kettles and turbot pans
Goblets and tea boilers
Tea kettles, poliſhed or common
Chocolate and coffee pots
Coal ſcoops and backets
Copper and braſs ſcales
Princes-metal candleſticks
Braſs ſave-alls and extinguiſhers
Braſs warming pans

JAPANNED GOODS,

Tea trays and waiters
Candleſticks and ſnuffer trays
Bread baſkets and holders
Plate warmers and knife trays

Kitchen Furniture neatly tinned and repaired.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of JOHN M'RAE, Cooper in Kilmarnock.

THAT upon the application of the ſaid John M'Rae, with the concurrence of Alexander Fairlie, Eſq; of Fairlie, one of his creditors to the extent required by law, the Lord Elliock, Ordinary officiating on the bills, upon the 18th day of May current, awarded a ſequeſtration of the ſaid John M'Rae's real and perſonal eſtate, and appointed his Creditors to meet at Kilmarnock on Wedneſday the 31ſt day of May current, at twelve o'clock noon, within the houſe of Mrs Mitchell, vintner there, in order to chuſe an interim factor, and granted commiſſion to the Sheriff-depute, or ſubſtitute, of the ſhire of Ayr; and failing them, to any of his Majeſty's Juſtices of the Peace of the ſaid ſhire, to attend the meeting, and to receive the grounds of debt of the ſaid John M'Rae's Creditors, with the oaths thereon required by the ſtatute; and to ſign the minutes along with the Preſes; of all which this notice is hereby given.

A Caſe worthy the Attention of the Humane.

A YOUNG Woman, who for years, under the greateſt of all misfortunes, has wandered over the kingdom, and who, by her innocent and mild deportment, has received the aſſiſtance and protection of many families of the firſt diſtinction in different parts of the country, has been brought here by the humanity of a Lady from the north of England, who doubted not that ſuch well-diſpoſed perſons as had hitherto endeavoured to relieve her diſtreſs, would now contribute towards the ſame charitable purpoſe, when the return of reaſon, perhaps, only renders her affliction more ſeverely felt—Deſtitute of all friendly aid—her ſituation coming to the knowledge of a few families, whoſe kindneſs ſhe had before experienced, they have begun a ſubſcription towards boarding her in ſome decent family, and have given permiſſion to be referred to for particulars.

It is hoped their teſtimony will be found ſatisfactory to any Lady or Gentleman who may give themſelves the trouble of farther enquiry.

Contributions either for preſent relief, or ſmall annual donations, will be thankfully received at Mrs Hamilton's milliner, Miln's Square, who will inform more particularly.

PAPER HANGINGS.

CHARLES ESPLIN and COMPANY beg leave to inform the Public, That they have preſently for ſale, at their Wareroom, below the Croſs, north ſide of the High Street, Edinburgh, a very large and elegant aſſortment of PAPER HANGINGS for rooms, cloſets, paſſages, ſtaircaſes, ceilings, &c. of the neweſt and moſt faſhionable patterns, executed with the fineſt and moſt durable colours, which will be ſold on the loweſt terms. A new aſſortment of Varniſhed Glazed Mock Flocks, with elegant borders.

N. B. Such as pay little regard to faſhion, may have very great bargains of old patterns.

Upholſterers, builders, and country dealers, ſupplied on the moſt advantageous terms.

At the above ſhop, a beautiful collection of INDIA SHELLS for Grotto work; India Rubbers, India Ink, Pencils, Crayons, Chalks, and every article for Drawing or Painting.

Roup of Houſehold Furniture.

ON Monday next, the 22d inſtant, there is to be expoſed to public roup, in Finlay's Land, Croft Angry,

A Neat Aſſortment of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE, viz. Mounted Beds, Down and Feather Beds, Blankets, Carpets, Drawers, Chairs, Joining and other Tables, an Elegant Book-caſe, Tea and Table China, Bed and Table Linens, and a variety of Kitchen Furniture.

The roup to begin at ten o'clock forenoon.

Mrs DALGLEISH and SON, Auctioneers.

Auction of Houſehold Furniture.

TO be SOLD by Auction, on Monday the 22d current, at No. 8. North St David's Street, New Edinburgh, the WHOLE HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE of one going to give up houſe there, conſiſting of Mounted Beds, Feather Beds, Matreſſes, Blankets, Sofas, Chairs, Side Boards, Deſks, Drawers, Tables, all of Mahogany, with many other Articles too tedious to mention.

The roup to begin at ten o'clock forenoon.

Ground for Houſes and Gardens

At Stirling, to be FEUED

BY ADJOURNMENT.

THE Patrons of Cowan's Hoſpital intend to parcel out the incloſures next to Whinwell, and the park at Mr Paterſon's Rope-work, all lying within the territory of the town of Stirling, as ſituations for houſes and gardens; and to feu the ſame by public roup, to the higheſt bidders, within the Town-houſe, on Tueſday the 20th June next, at eleven o'clock forenoon.—To enter at Martinmas firſt, when the current tacks expire.

For further particulars, apply to John Mocgibbon, town-clerk, who will ſhew the articles of roup, with plans and menſurations of the lands.

Not to be repeated.

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of ALEXANDER GRAY, Sadler in Falkirk.

THAT upon the application of John Smart and others, creditors of the ſaid Alexander Gray, the Lord Swinton, Ordinary officiating on the bills, on the 19th current, awarded a ſequeſtration of his real and perſonal eſtate, and appointed his creditors to meet in the houſe of William Dearn vintner in Falkirk, on Thurſday next the 25th inſt. at twelve o'clock noon, in order to chuſe an interim factor thereon, and granted commiſſion to the ſheriff-depute or ſubſtitute of Stirlingſhire, and failing them any of the Juſtices of Peace of that county to attend the meeting, receive the grounds of debt from the creditors, with the oaths thereon required by the ſtatute, and to ſign the minutes along with the preſes of the meeting. Of all which this notice is given

NOTICE

To the CREDITORS of WILLIAM YOUNG, Diſtiller at Hattonburn.

THAT upon the application of the ſaid William Young, and of Patrick Biſſet, copperſmith in Perth, one of his Creditors, to the extent required by law,—the Lord Elliock, Ordinary officiating on the Bills, by interlocutor dated the 8th May current, ſequeſtrated the whole real and perſonal eſtate of the ſaid William Young, and appointed his Creditors to meet within the houſe of Duncan Donaldſon vintner, at Green of Kinroſs, on Thurſday the 18th curt. in order to chuſe an interim factor.

That the Creditors having accordingly met, they made choice of Michael Henderſon of Turfhills, to be interim factor upon the ſaid ſequeſtrated eſtate, and appointed a general meeting of the Creditors for the purpoſe of chuſing a truſtee, to be held within the houſe of the ſaid Duncan Donaldſon, upon Monday the 19th of June 1786, at twelve o'clock noon.

And upon the application of the ſaid factor, the Sheriff-ſubſtitute of Kinroſs has appointed Thurſday the 25th May current, and the three ſucceeding Thurſdays, by twelve o'clock noon, within the Sheriff Court-houſe at Kinroſs, as the diets for examining the bankrupt and his ſervants or family, and others acquainted with his buſineſs.

Of all which this notice is given, that the Creditors may attend the ſaid meeting and examinations, in terms of the ſtatute.

Brewery and Diſtillery, &c. to be Let.

TO be LET, and entered to in July next, at Clockmill, near Dunſe, Berwickſhire, a MALTSTEAD, conſiſting of a floor, 150 feet by 24, with two Steep-ſtones, a Kiln 24 feet ſquare; two Lofts above the malting floor, each of the ſame dimenſions therewith; and ſix Cellars below the malting floor, each 24 feet by 9: Alſo, a large BREWHOUSE and DISTILLERY, and brewing and diſtilling Utenſils, with Pumps, Rollers for grinding the malt, &c. and other machinery, all drove by water: Alſo, a MALT-MILL, with a large thirlage; together with a dwelling-houſe and offices. Any quantity of ground may be got for a farm.

For further particulars, enquire at James Keay writer, Prince's Street, Edinburgh.

ADAM DALMAHOY GLOVER,

PARLIAMENT CLOSE,

RESPECTFULLY informs the Public, that he has on hand, a large quantity of GLOVES, finiſhed according to the beſt French and Engliſh methods, and at the moſt moderate prices.

N. B. Dealers in Gloves will be ſerved on the ſame terms as from the wholeſale houſes in London.

Steel Grates, Carron Grates, Jacks, &c.

JOHN SIBBALD, Smith, College Wynd, reſpectfully informs his Friends and the Public, that he has juſt completed a large aſſortment of the following articles, which he ſells at the loweſt prices.

Great variety of bright Steel Grates for drawing rooms.
Elegant Prince's Metal ditto of the neweſt London patterns.
Steel Grates for bed-rooms.
Carron Grates, Pantheon ditto.
Engliſh Dye-cut Fenders.
Great choice of Fire-irons.
Perpetual Ovens.
Boiling Tables.
Cork Screws, Sugar Nippers
Kitchen Grates and Cranes.
Jacks, double and ſingle-wheeled.
Spits, Raxes, and Skewers.
Kitchen Tongs and Shovels.
Smoothing Irons, Heaters, and Standards
Branders, Frying-pans.
Light Caſt Metal Pots.
Goblets, Stew Pans,
Tea Kettles, Fiſh Pans.
Water Boilers, with braſs cocks
Coal Backets, Fire Pans.
Locks and Hinges of all kinds.
Wood Screws.

As the Grates, Jacks, and a great part of the above articles, are of J. SIBBALD's own manufacture, his employers may depend on being ſerved with goods of the beſt qualities.

To be LET and entered to immediately,

A Convenient HOUSE, with a Gar-

den, Stable, and other accommodations, ſituated at the eaſt end of Croſscauſeway.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, upon Tueſday the 23d May current, at Woolmet Bank, in the pariſh of Newton,

The Whole Stocking and Houſehold

Furniture, Linens, &c. which belonged to the deceaſed Hugh Pringle.

The roup to begin preciſely at ten o'clock.

Mr Pringle's repreſentatives have authoriſed John Gray writer, Advocate's Cloſe, Edinburgh, to uplift and diſcharge the debts owing to him. It is requeſted, that thoſe indebted, will immediately order payment. And perſons having claims on Mr Pringle, will lodge them with the ſaid John Gray, who will pay the ſame

Sale of Furniture, Set of Graſs Parks, and Notice about Coal, Shire of Edinburgh.

TO be SOLD by public roup, at Cheſterhall in the pariſh of Cranſton, four miles ſouth of Dalkeith, and ſhire of Edinburgh, upon Friday the 2d June next 1786,

The whole HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE in the houſe of Cheſterhall, lately poſſeſſed by the Right Hon. Lord Haddo, conſiſting of kitchen furniture, with [illegible] oven, &c. dining-room, drawing-room, and bed-room furniture, variegated cornices, with hangings and window curtains; down and feather beds, matreſſes; a great aſſortment of Engliſh and Scots blankets, mirrors, dreſſing glaſſes, mahogany elbow chairs, and other different kinds of ſmall chairs, houſe clock, a variety of prints, &c. &c.

The roup to begin preciſely at 10 o'clock forenoon, and will continue till all be ſold of.

At ſame time, ſundry Graſs Incloſures, are to be ſet for the ſeaſon, well watered, and properly fenced.

And notice is hereby given to the public, that there is *now* a going Coal upon the eſtate of Cheſterhall, juſt by the ſide of the great road above Ford, leading north by Lauder; and ſaid coal is equally near to the ſouth country to any of the Lothian coals, and of very eaſy acceſs.

Coal Hewers with Bearers will meet with good encouragement by applying at the coal-work.

Exciſe Office, Edinburgh, May 16. 1786.

BY ORDER OF THE

Honourable Commiſſioners of Exciſe.

ON SATURDAY the 27th May inſtant, at 12 o'clock noon, there will be expoſed to ſale by public auction, at the Exciſe Warehouſe, Leith, (purſuant to act of Parliament) the following quantities of TEA, ſeized and condemned as forfeited, viz.

823 libs. of BLACK TEA, contained in boxes.
68 libs. of GREEN ditto, ditto.
434 libs. of BLACK ditto, contained in bags.

Together with any other packages that ſhall have arrived before the day of ſale.

The goods, which will be put up in lots, and the conditions of ſale, to be ſeen at the above-mentioned Warehouſe, on the day preceding, and the morning of the day of ſale.

Lands in Berwickſhire.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within John's Coffeehouſe, Edinburgh, upon Wedneſday the 12th day of July 1786, betwixt the hours of five and ſix afternoon,

The Lands and Eſtate of WHITSOMHILL, and teinds thereof, together with the advocation, donation, and right of patronage of the Church of Whitſom, all lying within the united pariſhes of Whitſom and Hilton, and of Ladykirk, and county of Berwick. The groſs rental of which is 1036 l. 10 s. 6 d. 3-12ths Sterling; and the public burdens, including miniſter's ſtipend, ſchoolmaſter's ſalary, and feuduty, amount to about 26 l.

The valued rent is 2415 l. 2 s. 1 d. Scots; and the whole eſtate holds of the Crown, excepting a ſmall piece of land which holds of Mr Home of Wedderburn. The valued rent is already ſubdivided.

The eſtate, which lies all contiguous, contains about 1300 acres, excluſive of ditches, dykes, and roads, and is completely incloſed and ſubdivided, with thriving thorn hedges. The whole farm-houſes are in very complete repair, having been built within theſe few years

The lands are ſituated within a few miles of lime and coal, and of the market towns of Berwick, Eyemouth, Dunſe, Greenlaw, and Coldſtream. The ſoil is in general uncommonly fine; and the tenants, who are in a thriving ſituation, are ſtrictly confined to a particular mode of cropping the land, and are bound to leave their farms in good order at the end of their leaſes; when, upon a renewal, it is expected there will be a conſiderable riſe upon the preſent rent, above 200 acres of the beſt land being preſently in graſs; and there is no liberty of plowing during the leaſes; and moſt of theſe leaſes have only about nine years to run. The ſituation of the whole is remarkably pleaſant, and part of it is beautifully ſituated along the river Tweed, on which river there is a right to a very valuable ſalmon-fiſhing.

The title-deeds, which are perfectly clear, the articles of roup, and the current leaſes, with *printed* abſtracts thereof, and of the rental and public burdens, are to be ſeen in the hands of Mr Robert Trotter writer to the ſignet; and Mr John Hogarth at Broomdykes, near Whitſom, will inform of any further particulars with regard to the lands, and with whom *printed* abſtracts of the leaſes and rental are alſo lodged.

LEPEN

FROM THE LONDON GAZETTE, *May* 16.

ERRATUM in laſt Saturday's Gazette, in the article of Earl Camden's creation, wherein Bayham Abbey is mentioned to be in the county of Kent, for *Kent* read *Suſſex*.

LLOYD's LIST, *May* 16.

CAPTAIN Deake, of the Duke of Cumberland packet, arrived at Falmouth from New York, ſays, the Shelburn packet, Captain Bull, left New York the 5th March.

Captain Deake, of the Duke of Cumberland packet, from New York, ſpoke the ——, Grant, from Liverpool for New York out nine weeks. He alſo ſpoke the Union, Collingwood, from Savanna for Pool; out 21 days, all well.

The cargo of the Agnes, condemned at Antigua, is arrived at Lancaſter in the Two Friends, Captain Walker.

The Maria, Mathews, from Liverpool to Africa, is returned to Liverpool with the loſs of her mizzen maſt.

The Proſperous, Mortimore, from London to Newfoundland, is on ſhore at the iſle of Oleron, and it is feared will be loſt.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

MONDAY, *May* 15.

AGREED to the report of the reſolutions of Friday on ways and means, and the ſupply.

Ordered the Eccleſiaſtical Court bill to be engroſſed.

THE NATIONAL DEBT BILL.

Sir *Grey Cooper* obſerved, that a Right Hon. Gentleman, (Mr Grenville) in a former debate, concerning the report of the Committee, on which the bill was founded, had ſaid, that the land and malt tax amounted to the ſum of 2,850,000 l. As this was an eſtimate conſiderably larger than any he had ſeen heretofore, he begged the Hon. Gentleman would account for it.

Mr *Grenville* ſaid, he was ſufficiently aware of the Hon. Baronet's objection. The truth was, that the ſum he had mentioned was certainly realized, and amounted to more than the receipts actually ſtated. But it excluded more than the produce of one year; and for this reaſon the Committee in their report had ſtated the whole at no more than 2,600,000 l.

A few words then paſſed between the two Hon. Gentlemen; after which

Sir *James Erſkine* moved to bring in a clauſe for empowering the Commiſſioners to buy ſtock optionally. The Speaker, however, objecting to its form, it was accordingly dropt.

NAVIGATION OF THE NORTHERN SEAS.

Mr *Dempſter* moved, that the Houſe do, on Thurſday next, reſolve itſelf into a Committee of the whole Houſe, to conſider of the mode by which the Navigation of the Northern Seas may be improved.

BILL FOR REGULATING THE COUNTY ELECTIONS.

Mr *Wilberforce* moved, that the Houſe ſhould reſolve itſelf into a Committee on the bill for regulating county elections.

Mr *Grenville* roſe, he ſaid, to oppoſe the Speaker's leaving the Chair. The principle of the bill appeared to him exceedingly objectionable. It would be a ſource of infinite miſchief and diſorder. [illegible] of election, inſtead of receiving any ſupport or confirmation from this bill, would be conſiderably impaired and abridged. He ſtated a variety lutely annihilate the freedom of election.

The *Chancellor of the Exchequer* replied to his Right Honourable Friend, and declared how very differently the ſubject appeared to him. He denied that the bill in any degree authoriſed thoſe concluſions which had been drawn from it. He perſuaded himſelf every member of Parliament was at heart a well-wiſher to the rights of election. But on that ſuppoſition, difference in opinion about the beſt mode of ſecuring it might well be expected from ſuch a number of individuals, all equally ſolicitous for the ſame object. He, however, had always been a friend to this bill, and there was nothing either in the matter or circumſtances of the meaſure, which now operated in his mind to avow any change of opinion. The bill was undoubtedly imperfect in its preſent ſtate, but it would come out of the Committee, he truſted, altogether unexceptionable.

Mr *Duncombe* argued ſtrenuouſly for the bill. He was anxious to encreaſe rather than diminiſh the democratical influence in the government of this country; and in reaſoning on this particular, he took an opportunity of complimenting the liberal principles of his conſtituents.

Mr *Powys* thought himſelf alluded to by ſomething that had fallen from the preceding ſpeaker. He had no objection to let the bill go into a Committee, provided the Hon. Gentlemen, Mr Wilberforce and Sir Joſeph Mawbey, would pledge themſelves to render it worthy of the attention of the Houſe. They acted as executors to the noble Lord who had gone to a better place, and ought to render their truſt as reſpectable to the memory of that noble perſon as poſſible. If, however, it was intended to carry the bill into a law this ſeſſion, he was determined to give it all the oppoſition in his power.

Sir *J. Mawbey* expatiated at great length on the merits of the noble Lord, the conſtitutional excellencies of the bill, and the improper motives on which it was oppoſed.

Lord *Surrey* urged the propriety of adopting the meaſure, and vindicated the principle and ſpirit in which it was conceived. He thought it was but decent to commit a bill of ſo much importance, and which bore ſo favourable an aſpect to the franchiſes of the people.

Mr *Baſtard* reprobated the bill as a maſs of confuſion and abſurdity; and pointed out ſuch a variety of contradictory clauſes in it, as he thought ought to determine the Houſe that it ſhould go no further.

Mr Vanſittart, Sir William Dolben, Mr Medley, and ſeveral others, ſaid a few words; after which the queſtion was put for the commitment, when there appeared,

Ayes 98 Noes 22

COMMITTEE ON THE BILL.

The bill was then read, and ſeveral clauſes debated. Some new ones were inſerted, and ſome were expunged. A good deal of interlocutory converſation took place, but it was little more than a repetition of what occurred laſt ſeſſion on the ſame ſubject. So that after the blanks were filled up, and the amendments made, the bill paſſed the Committee, and the Houſe adjourned.

LONDON, *May* 16.

Yeſterday his Serene Highneſs the Prince of Mecklenburgh, brother to her Majeſty, arrived at St James's Palace from Germany.

It is expected, that on Friday, the Miniſter will finiſh his budget, or, in other words, wind up the ways and means of the preſent year.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was yeſterday ordered to carry the National Debt bill, which, with an amendment, was paſſed unanimouſly, to the Lords for their concurrence.

The Committee on the county election bill ſat ſo late laſt night, that the examnation of witneſſes in Mr Haſtings's cauſe was deferred until this day.

The ſecond reading of the deals and battens bill was yeſterday poſtponed to that day ſix months.

The Scotch Judges bill, with amendments, is to be reported this day; as is the Scotch Admiralty bill, with amendments.

The ballot for the Carliſe election was yeſterday, by a motion of Lord Surrey, poſtponed till the 23d inſtant. And the ballot for the Kirkwall election, on the motion of Mr Sinclair, was put off till the 25th inſtant.

Mr Wilberforce's bill reſpecting the diſpoſal of the bodies of criminals after being executed, is intended to veſt a power in the Sheriff to give them to the ſurgeons for private diſſection, with a view to prevent the barbarous practice of robbing the churchyards, and other places of burial.

The totals of the Duke of Richmond's new ſcheme of fortifications are,

	L.	s.	d.
For the works at Portſmouth,	268,411	3	9½
For the works at Plymouth,	128,110	11	10½
In all,	396,521	15	8

Of which the Duke propoſes to expend in 1786, 63,332 14 7

and in this he does not include the ſum which will be required for the purchaſe of lands.

A partial change in adminiſtration is certainly upon the eve of taking place; Lord Camden's advancement to the dignity of an Earldom is only preparatory to his quitting the Preſidency of the Council, and the terms were agreed upon.

But who is to be his ſucceſſor we do not know.

It is alſo certain that Mr Jenkinſon is to be created a Peer, and to ſucceed Lord Carmarthen as Secretary of State for the Foreign Department. It is likewiſe rumoured that Lord C. is to ſucceed the Duke of Rutland as Lord Lieutenant of Ireland.

This morning arrived at the Poſt-office, a mail from New-York, brought to Falmouth by the Duke of Cumberland Packet in thirty-three days, who brings advice, that the Shelburne packet ſailed from New-York the 15th of March, which was ten days before the Duke of Cumberland ſailed out.

It is ſaid to be underſtood by all parties, that Mr Haſtings's buſineſs is to be put off till next ſeſ-

We have it from [illegible] authority, that the Commercial Negociation with France is fully accompliſhed, and that the particulars of it will very ſhortly be laid before Parliament. Mr Eden is expected from the Continent in a few days.

The Ambaſſador appointed by the Court of Madrid to that of St James's, has been already in England, but not in a diplomatick character. Comte Fernan-Nugens is a Grandee of Spain of the firſt claſs, Knight of the order of the Golden Fleece, and of that of Charles III. Counſellor of State, Lord Chamberlain, and a Major-General in the Army. The Comte is now Ambaſſador at the Court of Liſbon, from which he is recalled for the Engliſh Embaſſy. His Lady having been lately brought to bed, this occaſions a delay in his Excellency's arrival.

It is ſaid that a treaty of marriage is on foot between the amiable Miſs Pulteney and Lord Morton.

The letters brought by the laſt courier from Berlin ſay, that the King of Pruſſia had been extremely ill on the 19th and 20th of laſt month; the 21ſt in order to try what ſtrength he had left, he took an hour's ride, and would accept of no aſſiſtance in coming off his horſe and getting to his apartment. But notwithſtanding this effort, the health of this great man is in the moſt critical ſtate. It is even feared that a dropſy is already formed.

Sunday morning advice was received at the Eaſt India Houſe of the ſafe arrival of the Houghton Eaſt India ſhip, James Monro, Commander, from Coaſt and China, in the Downs. The Houghton left the Camden, Thomas Walker, from Bombay, at St Helena, homeward bound, and ready to ſail.

Extract of a letter from Cherbourg, May 3.

"The cones, deſtined to build the piers in, for the enlargement of the harbour, were launched this day in the preſence of the largeſt body of people ever got together in this part of the kingdom; ſo vaſt a body, moved with ſuch eaſe, does great credit to the engineers employed. The ſize of the caſe 1400 tons, nearly equal to the largeſt ſhip of war."

Third REPORT *from the* COMMITTEE *appointed to enquire into the State of the* BRITISH FISHERIES, *and into the moſt effectual means for their Encouragement and Extenſion.*

(Concluded from our laſt.)

RESOLVED, That, as the Report referred to this Committee contains the ſtrongeſt evidence of the pernicious effects which the fees or other perquiſites of the Cuſtom-houſe officers, eſpecially in Scotland, have produced on the Fiſheries of the kingdom; and as the requiſition of ſuch fees, however ſanctioned by long uſage, appears, by the orders of Parliament, in the 12th year of the reign of his late Majeſty King Charles II. to be contrary to the declared intention of the Legiſlature; this Committee are of opinion, that no officer ſhould be permitted to aſk or accept of any fee, or other perquiſite, for or on account of any tranſaction relative to any veſſel or boat employed at the Fiſheries, or in the tranſportation from one place to another of fiſh, or of ſalt for the uſe of the Fiſheries, or for or on account of the payment of any bounty or debenture on fiſh, on pain of forfeiting, for every ſuch offence, treble the value of the ſum received, together with coſts of ſuit, and of being *ipſo facto* diſcharged, and rendered incapable of ſerving his Majeſty in any civil office in future: The Committee, at the ſame time, indulging an earneſt hope, that the benevolence of the Legiſlature will induce them to make compenſation to the officers for the abolition of their fees; eſpecially as at preſent their ſalaries are ſuch, that the fees they are accuſtomed to take, heavy and oppreſſive as they are to the fiſhermen, are in many inſtances abſolutely requiſite for the creditable ſubſiſtence of the officer.

Reſolved, That, as the value of the privilege of curing fiſh with ſalt of Britiſh manufacture, duty free, is much diminiſhed in Scotland, by the proviſion of the act of the 29th of George the Second, that ſuch ſalt ſhall be taken from the ſalt works of that part of the iſland—it is the opinion of this Committee, that the fiſh-curers in every part of Great Britain, ſo far as they are allowed by law to employ, in the cure of fiſh, home-manufactured ſalt, duty free, ſhould be permitted to take the ſaid ſalt from any of the ſalt works within the ſaid kingdom.

Reſolved, That, as the opening a communication between Loch Gilp and Loch Crinan, by a navigable canal acroſs the Peninſula of Cantyre, in Argyleſhire, would prevent the neceſſity of a voyage of more than one hundred miles, in a very dangerous ſea, and greatly promote the Fiſheries and commerce of the North Weſtern coaſts of the iſland; and as it appears, by actual ſurvey, that the ſaid communication may be effected at a moderate expence, it is, in the opinion of this Committee, extremely deſirable, that ſuch perſons as are willing to perform, at their own coſt, a work ſo uſeful to the public, ſhould receive all reaſonable encouragement.

Reſolved, That, as the buſineſs of the Fiſheries can only be carried on to advantage by the joint labour of many individuals, aided by the ſkill of ſeveral diſtinct claſſes of manufacturers; and as the eſtabliſhment of villages or towns, in certain ſituations, on the Northern and Weſtern coaſts of Scotland, would not only furniſh the means of that co-operation and mutual aſſiſtance, but would likewiſe afford a market for ſome part of the produce of the Fiſheries, and much facilitate the conveyance of the remainder, whether ſold for conſumption in the inland country, or for exportation to foreign parts; it is the opinion of this Committee, that the liberal diſpoſition, which appears in many public-ſpirited proprietors of land upon thoſe coaſts, as well as in many reſpectable individuals in the Southern parts of the kingdom, for the eſtabliſhment of ſuch villages and towns, deſerves the higheſt encouragement.

Reſolved, That, in order to encourage the forming by ſubſcription, a fund for the eſtabliſhment of [illegible] Committee, highly expedient, that the ſubſcribers ſhould, by act of Parliament, be declared to be a joint ſtock company; that power to appoint agents for the management of their buſineſs ſhould be given them; and, that the members ſhould be expreſsly exempted from a greater extent of reſponſibility than that of the original ſum which each ſhall reſpectively ſubſcribe—That the fund ſhould be declared to be applicable to no other uſe, but that of renting or purchaſing lands, and that of erecting, by contract, houſes and other neceſſary buildings—That the company ſhould be impowered to let or tranſfer, in perpetuity, ſuch parcels of their land as individuals, with a view of building at their own expence, may be inclined to hire or to purchaſe—That the company ſhould be reſtrained from engaging, as a corporation, in any trade, as well as from iſſuing notes payable to the bearer, or other ſpecies of circulating ſecurity—And that, in order to prevent exceſſive and pernicious fluctuations in the value of their ſtock, the act ſhould declare, that, during the ſpace of the firſt five years of the Company's eſtabliſhment, no member ſhall diſpoſe of his ſtock in any other way than that of gift or bequeſt.

Reſolved, That, for the encouragement of ſuch fiſhermen, manufacturers, and others, as ſhall become houſeholders in the ſaid villages and towns, it may, in the opinion of the Committee, be adviſeable to declare, that the houſeholders in each of the ſaid villages or towns, as ſoon as their number in ſuch town or village ſhall amount to or exceed fifty, ſhall have a right annually to chuſe, from among their own body, certain magiſtrates, who ſhall have the ſame powers, for the government of ſuch town or village, as the magiſtrates of royal burghs in North Britain are now, by law, entitled to exerciſe: however, that provided no ſeparate or excluſive corporation ſhall be erected within ſuch town or village, nor money be exacted to entitle any perſon to his freedom, or to the privilege of exerciſing any profeſſion, or of carrying on any trade, buſineſs, or employment in the ſaid village or town; and provided alſo, that no private rights or juriſdictions, already ſubſiſting, ſhall be infringed.

Reſolved, That, for the further encouragement of the ſaid villages and towns, as well as for the more effectual extenſion of commerce, it may, in the judgment of the Committee, be expedient, that in every village or town, of the deſcription aforeſaid, in which the houſeholders, from their number, ſhall be entitled to elect Magiſtrates, a poſt-office and cuſtom houſe ſhould, with all convenient diſpatch, be eſtabliſhed.

Reſolved, That, as licenſes impoſing a heavy tax on the exerciſe of certain neceſſary trades, are peculiarly unfavourable to the eſtabliſhment of towns, in the remote and unimproved diſtricts of the kingdom; and as the law which declares that the different branches of the tannery ſhall not be carried on by one and the ſame perſon, muſt be injurious to infant ſettlements, in which the diviſion of labour that takes place in more extended ſocieties is neither practiſed nor known; it may, in the opinion of the Committee, be expedient, that in all ſuch villages or towns as ſhall be erected in any part of the coaſt from the Mull of Kintyre to the Moray Frith, the ſame perſon ſhould be allowed to carry on, at the ſame time, the ſeveral branches of the tannery buſineſs; and that the inhabitants ſhould, for the ſpace of ſeven years, have permiſſion to exerciſe the trades of a common brewer, maltſter, candlemaker, tanner, tawer, dreſſer of hides in oil, or currier, on condition that every perſon who ſhall ſo carry on any of the ſaid trades, ſhall annually pay, by way of licenſe, the ſum of one ſhilling: Provided always, That no perſon ſhould be entitled to that indulgence who ſhall make, in any one year, more than 1000 barrels of beer, or more than 200 quarters of malt.

Reſolved, That as, by the duty on coal carried coaſtways, the inhabitants of many of the diſtricts of Scotland are deprived of the benefit which the abundance of this article in the neighbouring diſtricts would otherwiſe afford, it would, in the opinion of this Committee, be highly expedient, that the inhabitants of thoſe diſtricts in Scotland, in which the ſaid duty is paid, ſhould, for a term of years, be permitted annually to raiſe, by aſſeſſment, or other mode of commutation, a ſum equal to that which, on an average of the laſt five years, thoſe diſtricts have annually contributed to the ſaid duty, and ſhould, on that condition, be liberated from the burtheſome impoſt.

PRICE OF STOCKS, MAY 16.

Bank Stock, —	South Sea Stock, —
5 per cent. Ann. 108¼ a ⅜ a ½ a ⅝.	3 per cent. Old Ann. —
	Ditto New Ann. —
4 per cent. Ann. 1777, 89¼ a 89.	Ditto 1751, —
	India Stock, —
3 per cent. con. 71⅞ a ¾ a ⅞.	3 per cent. Ann. —
	India Bonds paid, —
3 per cent. red. 70⅝ a ¾.	Ditto unpaid, 49 a 50 prem.
3 per cent. 1726, ſhut.	Navy Bills, —
Long Ann. at 5-16ths a ⅜.	Exch. Bills, —
Ditto 1778, 13¼ a 15-16ths.	

WIND AT DEAL, MAY 15. S.

EDINBURGH.

Extract of a letter from London, May 16.

HOUSE OF COMMONS.

"As ſoon as the Houſe was formed, the Houſe heard counſel on an incloſure bill, after which it was committed for the purpoſe of having the number, value, and quantity aſcertained.

"The Blackfriars Bridge Sunday toll bill was read a third time and paſſed, and carried to the Lords by Alderman Newnham.

"Mr *Roſe* brought in three ſeparate bills on the ſupplies, which were read a firſt time.

REGISTER OF SHIPS BILL.

"The *Lord Advocate of Scotland* brought in a bill for authoriſing the Commiſſioners of the Cuſtoms in Scotland to regiſter two foreign-built ſhips in the port of Glaſgow, as Britiſh-built ſhips. It was read a firſt time, and moved for a ſecond reading; on which

"Mr *Jenkinſon* begged the attention of the Houſe, as he meant to give his oppoſition to the bill, which, he ſaid, was the firſt of the kind that ever came before the Houſe. He then adverted to the bill of his now pending, and ſaid, the people of Glaſgow, reſpecting the two foreign-built ſhips, would not be ſubjected to any hardſhips by it. If this bill, he obſerved, ſhould be ſuffered to paſs, there would be no end to applications on ſuch a precedent. He ſhould not, however, give his determined oppoſition to the bill until the ſecond reading. He alluded to an act of Queen Anne that empowered Attorney-Generals to regiſter ſhips; and, after ſtating ſome abuſes in conſequence, obſerved, that his bill would, in future, take the regulation of regiſtering ſhips from that law officer.

"Alderman *Hammet* ſtated, that a petition would be preſented by a worthy Alderman not in his place, relative to the two ſhips, and in favour of the bill.

"The *Attorney General* begged leave to ſay a few words reſpecting the power lodged in the office as to regiſtering ſhips. When he came into office, he was determined, he ſaid, to lay down one general rule, from which he was reſolved never to depart, as, in caſe he did, he foreſaw there would be no end to applications. He, therefore, never had granted any regiſter to other ſhips but Britiſh-built ones. In particular caſes, when ſhips were ſtranded, it would be a hard condition, to oblige the owners to ſell them for old timber, and therefore the Commiſſioners ſuffered them to rebuild, and then ſent to him, to know whether they were Britiſh built or not. He thought, at the ſame time, the office of Attorney General the laſt to judge of ſuch matters; and therefore ſhould be glad to have it taken out of his hands.

"The queſtion was put, and the bill agreed to be read a ſecond time; on which

"The *Lord Advocate* ſaid, that the Houſe having agreed to a ſecond reading, it would be unneceſſary for him to mention the reaſons that had induced him to bring in the bill. On the ſecond reading, however, he ſhould, he ſaid, uſe ſuch an argument in favour of the proprietors of thoſe ſhips as would induce the Houſe to agree to the bill.

"Mr *Jenkinſon* moved the order of the day for the farther conſideration of the report on the ſhipping and navigation bill, which not being prepared for, it was poſtponed till to-morrow ſe'ennight.

HAWKERS AND PEDLARS.

"Mr *Pulteney* moved the order of the day for the ſecond reading of the Hawkers and Pedlars bill, or the bill for repealing two clauſes in the Hawkers and Pedlars bill of laſt year.

"Mr *Popham* lamented as much as any [illegible] that the bill of laſt year had paſſed, but it having been done by way of compenſation to the ſhopkeepers, he thought it would be wrong to remove the reſtrictions without giving ſome adequate relief to thoſe, whom the bill was intended to benefit. He farther obſerved, the Hawkers and Pedlars were a ſet of itinerant people, who paid no taxes, and therefore had an evident advantage over the ſhopkeep-

besides that they encouraged smuggling every where they went. On this account, and for other reasons he would not trouble the House with, he should move to have the bill read that day three months.

"Mr *J. H. Browne* went into a defence of the Hawkers and Pedlars, and represented the bill of last year as a very cruel bill, that went to deprive a number of people of the only means they had of obtaining a livelihood. Instead of their being an itinerant body of people, he mentioned a place in Scotland (we think *Aberdeenshire*) where they formed a very large district, and were a most useful and respectable set of people. He also defended themagainst the charge of assisting smugglers, and said, that they occasioned a competition amongst shopkeepers, making them sell things cheap, and were found very convenient to many people, who but for them, would have a great distance to go for articles they were in want of. A number of arguments, he said, might be used, but he thought that there was one alone, namely, *justice*, that should induce the House to accept of the clauses.

"Sir *Edward Astley* seconded Mr Popham's amendment, viz. for putting off the bill for three months, and spoke very strongly against the Hawkers and Pedlars, who did not, he said, contribute towards the exigencies of the state in any sort of proportion to the shopkeepers.

"Mr *Alderman Hammet* said he should oppose the two clauses, while the bill of last year remained, though he heartily wished to see that repealed.

"Mr *Powys* said, that although he had voted for the bill last year, he would nevertheless support the repeal of the four clauses proposed in the bill presented by Mr Pulteney.

Lord *Mulgrave* spoke against the bill, as, should it pass, itwould take off such a portion of the restrictions on hawkers and pedlars, as would do away the benefit meant to be given the shopkeepers by the modification of the shop tax.

"Mr *Beaufoy* very ably defended the Hawkers and Pedlars, and represented the bill of last year as an act of great cruelty and inhumanity.

"Alderman *Newnham* wished the shopkeepers of London, &c. would not understand, that the restrictions on Hawkers and Pedlars had been in compensation for the shop-tax, and said, that he should support the bill brought in, which, he thought, would be very agreeable to his constituents.

"Mr *Marsham* also spoke for the Hawkers and Pedlars, and promised his support in favour of them.

"Mr *Browne* spoke highly of the *modest* manner in which the Hawkers and Pedlars had applied for relief, and thought them entitled to it only on that account.

"Mr *Dempster*, &c.were preparing to speek, and the House, it was supposed, would divide on the question, the fate of which was thought to be very doubtful."

AUTHENTIC INTELLIGENCE *respecting the* SOUTH BRIDGE.

We have the following authentic information from a Correspondent, relative to the projected alteration on the plan of the South Bridge: ——

MANY persons of taste having been much dissatisfied that the elegant plan, originally procured by the Trustees from the Mess. Adam, had been abandoned, and a plan, defective both in point of convenience and beauty, substituted in its place, several meetings were lately held in London of some of the Trustees, and a considerable number of Noblemen and Gentlemen of this country, who having taken into consideration the present operations, with an improved plan which had been made by Mess Adam, in which some objections which had been started against the first were obviated, they were of opinion, That the Mess. Adam should immediately go to Edinburgh for the purpose of examining the work, and should report to them their opinion, and propose such alterations as they thought would be advantageous to the building. It was understood, that the workmen should, in the mean time, be employed upon *such parts only of the work as might not require alteration*, in case the improvements to be proposed by the Mess. Adam should eventually be approved of.

Upon an accurate investigation, and examining a plan made by Mess Keay and Laurie, it appeared, that although, in the survey first made by Mr Keay, the two Bridges were laid down as precisely parallel; yet the South, Bridge in fact, as it is now executing, runs in a direction so oblique to the line of the North Bridge, that the centre line, instead of pasing, as laid down by Mr Keay, (in the printed plan laid before Parliament) from the west of Lady Nicolson's pillar to the centre of the Register Office, was found to begin 11 feet to the east of the pillar, and to pass 45 feet to the west of the centre of the Register Office; the consequence of which was, that the street of the South Bridge was broke by the projection of the Tron Church of no less than 27 feet, and by the buildings on the east side to the extent of 8 or 9 feet, which made a crooked direction near the north end, occasioning a deformity disagreeable in the highest degree to the eye, independent of the inconvenience to passengers. It also came out, that, in taking the original levels, no less an error than 2 feet 10 inches had been committed; to which may be added, that though this sacrifice of beauty and convenience was made for the purpose of encreasing the breadth of the areas for building on the east side, yet, after all, these areas would only afford houses of 15 feet deep within the walls.

To correct these striking deformities, the Mess. Adam laid before the Trustees their improved plan, which, besides bringing the South Bridge exactly into a line with the North Bridge, made the South Bridge almost level from the High Street to the Cowgate, encreased the wideness of it several feet, and afforded areas on the east side of it 40 feet deep within walls, instead of 15, the present depth, with an elegant street of communication behind them down to the Cowgate, from 35 to 40 feet wide, in place of the narrow and incommodious lane of 18 feet now proposed; each side of the Bridge being decorated with a range of buildings perfectly commodious, and exhibiting every feature of the most magnificent and delicate architecture.

The Mess. Adam laid this plan before the Trustees; the beauty and convenience of which were readily admitted: but it was objected to, as requiring a very large sum to complete it; while the areas, though greatly encreased, would not produce a greater price than those proposed by the present plan. To support these objections, the Trustees produced an estimate by Mr Brown *builder*, and Bailie Macdowal *clothier*, two of their own number, as to the probable expence of the properties to be purchased for completing the plan proposed by Mess. Adam; and an estimate by Deacon Jamieson, one of their own number, and Mr Laing their own builder, of the expence of executing the said plan.

Sensible that the estimate of the expence was greatly exaggerated, and struckwith so strange a paradox, as that an area of 40 feet within walls should not bring a higher price for houses and shops than one of fifteen feet, which last appeared to them scarcely fit for either of these purposes; the Messrs Adam employed four of the most eminent builders in Edinburgh to give their opinion on both points, who returned a report, from which it appeared, on the most moderate computation, that the expence of purchasing the property and executing the proposed plan, would not be near the sum reported by Messrs Brown, Macdowal, Laing, and Jamieson; that the areas would certainly produce three times the price of the 20 feet areas; and, that on the whole, the plan proposed by the Messrs Adam, could be finished in all its elegance, including the additional ornaments and common sewers, for a sum not exceeding the computed price of the areas, and one half of the 10 *per cent* which the trustees are entitled to levy upon the city, in case the expence of a commodious communication across the Cowgate shall be found to require it.

When the Messrs Adam returned to London, meetings were held of the Trustees then in town, and the noblemen and gentlemen who have taken a concern in this important business, when the different reports and estimates were fully considered, and all the gentlemen present declared their conviction (excepting the Lord Provost alone) of the advantages of the alterations they proposed. And it was unanimously agreed, excepting by his Lordship, that a clause should be inserted in the new act of Parliament, calculated for the purpose of carrying into execution what they had suggested.

GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Thursday, the Right Hon. David Earl of Leven, his Majesty's High Commissioner to the General Assembly of the Church of Scotland, accompanied by a number of Noblemen and Gentlemen of distinction, walked in procession from his lodgings, opposite the City-guard, to the High Church, where he was received by the Magistrates in their robes; the city-guard, and some companies of the 58th regiment, lining the street. After hearing an excellent sermon by the Rev. Dr Drysdale, one of the ministers of this city, (on account of the indisposition of the Rev. Sir Harry Moncrieff Wellwood, Moderator to the last General Assembly) his Grace repaired to the aile, where, having taken his seat, the Assembly proceeded to the election of a Moderator, when the Rev. Dr Duncan Shaw, one of the ministers of Aberdeen, was unanimously chosen. His Grace having presented his Majesty's commission, appointing him to represent his person in the Assembly, also his Majesty's letter and warrant for the Royal bounty of 1000 l. the same were read, and ordered to be recorded. His Grace then delivered an elegant speech to the Assembly from the throne, to which a suitable return having been made by the Moderator, a Committee was appointed to draw up an answer to his Majesty's most gracious letter.

The Assembly spent the most part of yesterday in prayer, and then appointed the Rev. Mr David Black at St Madoes to lecture and preach before his Grace the Commissioner to-morrow forenoon; and the Rev. Mr William Sibbald at Johnstone, in the afternoon: The Rev. Mr John Monteith at Nieliston, Sunday se'ennight, in the forenoon, and the Rev. Mr Robert Wyatt at Skene, in the afternoon.

This day, the Committee, whom the General Assembly appointed to draw up an answer to his Majesty's letter, reported the same to the House, which being read over paragraph by paragraph, was unanimously approved of, and signed by the Moderator. His Grace the Commissioner promised to transmit it immediately to his Majesty.

This day, the General Assembly appointed the Rev. Mr James Hog at Aberdeen to preach before his Grace the Commissioner on Sunday se'ennight in the afternoon, in place of Mr Wyatt, on account of the absence of that gentleman. A great number of commissions for informalities of one kind or other, were brought before the Assembly. The following were rejected: Charles Brown of Coalston, Esq; on account of the want of the name of the burgh after the words *the Town Council of*. The Hon. Henry Erskine, because the resolution to elect was not within the legal days. Thomas Tweedie of Oliver, Esq; for having the following words more than necessary, *us, in terms of the evidence laid before us*. James Colquhoun, Esq; on account of the Clerk of the burgh having neglected to add the word *Clerk* after his subscription.

The Assembly agreed to take up the consideration of the new Form of Process on Tuesday next. The Petition and Memorial of the Northumberland Clafs of Protestant Dissenting Ministers on Monday first, and afterwards the petition of Dr Hunter and others, against a sentence of the Synod of Lothian and Tweedale, authorising the Presbytery of Linlithgow to take Mr Bennet, now minister of Duddingston, upon trials. The Petition and Complaint for Jean Purves to be taken under consideration on Wednesday, and Mr John Jolly ordained to sist himself at the bar to answer the charge contained in the same. The first private cause afterwards to be proceeded in, is that of Moy, and thereafter that of Dalton, both of which have been several years before the Assembly.

Yesterday, was married, Robert Blair, Esq; Advocate, to Miss Isabella Halkett, youngest daughter of the late Colonel Charles Halkett-Craigie of Dunbarnie.

Yesterday, died, at Holyrodhouse, Miss Isabella Stewart, sister to the late John Stewart, Esq; of Castlestewart.

Died at Musselburgh, on the 13th inst. Mrs Ann Drummond, daughter of the late Major Drummond of Boreland, and relict of William Smith, Esq; of Chancery, sincerely and justly regretted by all who know her. Her friends will please accept of this notification of her death.

This morning a fishing-boat, with four men, belonging to Newhaven, was overset by a sudden squall of wind, opposite to Kinghorn. Three of the men were drowned. The fourth was taken up, but in such a situation that his life is despaired of.

We, this day, received the following disagreeable intelligence. —— On the 16th current, the Collector of the Customs at Wigton, and some other revenue officers, having got information, that a large smuggling lugger was discharging tea, tobacco, and spirits, a few miles east of Burrowhead, proceeded to the place; but the goods landed were chiefly gone, and the vessel under sail at a small distance from shore. The officers got a few goods; and, while searching among some rocks for more, saw the vessel to all appearance blow up; but, upon the smoke clearing away, little damage could be discovered. It seems, however, that, by the discharge of some small arms, a cask of powder under the quarter-deck had taken fire, which it blew up, and carried away part of the mizzen-mast. The man at the helm, and another man near him, were blown in the air, and their mangled limbs were seen hanging in the shrouds. Four others were terribly wounded. One had a broken leg; another had his hand wounded; and all their faces were shockingly deformed. These were landed, and carried to the town of Whithorn, where every assistance was administered to them that their unhappy situation admitted of.

The New York packet for March is amissing. 30 *per cent.* insurance has been given on her; and, if she does not arrive in a week or two, 60 *per cent.* will be given.

We hear that many of the fishing smacks employed at or near the islands called the Rosses, on the north-west coast of Ireland, have been very successful in killing vast numbers of those profitable animals the sun-fish, which, according to their size, yield as good oil as the whale or grampus, with infinite less danger, expence, and trouble. The sun-fish abounds on the coasts of Spain, Italy, and the Mediterranean islands, during the warm months, and often visit our own shores at the same season. It is therefore hoped, that this easy, safe, and advantageous trade may be steadily pursued by a part of our fishing companies, which would soon reward their pains, and save great sums annually sent to Holland and other places for oil.

On Wednesday last, at Hawick fair, a man had his pocket-book stolen, containing 23 l. in British Linen Company notes, (one of which was a five-pound one), a promissory note of Mansfield, Ramsay, and Company, for 100 l. dated in February last, and some bills upon private persons.—One boy is taken up one suspicion. He says, a boy of the name of Abercromby, from Edinburgh, stole a pocket book, containing above 100 l. in notes, and immediately went off. —— Abercromby is about five feet two inches high, wears a dark brown coat, and has red curled hair. Two boys, a man, and a woman, of suspicious appearance, were observed to go out of Hawick early in the forenoon of Wednesday, and go eastward. They were seen at Highton, two miles to the west of Kelso, about five o'clock in the afternoon, and, as it was not improbable but they might have stopped here for the night, a strict search was made for them by the constables, but without effect. —— Information was sent off yesterday morning, by our express, to the mayor of Berwick, to take up persons of the above description, should they call up there, and an express went from Hawick to Mansfield, Ramsay, and Co. to stop the 100 l. note.

FOR THE CALEDONIAN MERCURY.

QUERIES.

WHY have the Mess. Adams been employed by the Trustees on the South Bridge in drawing so many plans, and making estimates, with a view to their execution, when we see the building carried on upon some hidden design, with which the public are unacquainted? Why were the Mess. Adams sent down by the Trustees in London, upon doubts of the propriety of this hidden plan, when we see that the work is notwithstanding hurried on in an extraordinary manner, the workmen being detained beyond the usual hours?

The Mess. Adams plans and journies must certainly have been at a great though useless expence! Workmen are always paid very high for unusual hours of working! — Nay, it is said, that the inhabitants have received large douceurs to remove from their houses a few weeks before the term, that they might be pulled down, for the purpose of raising this inauspicious fabric with a still greater precipitancy.

MEMBERS *to the* GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

Presbytery of Kirkwall.—Rev. Mr William Anderson at Evie and Rendal; Mr George Barry, Kirkwall; ministers.—Mr James Torry merchant, Edinburgh, Ruling Elder.

SALE OF BANK STOCK.

TO be SOLD, SIX SHARES of the CAPITAL STOCK of the Bank of Scotland. Apply to the Publisher.

New India Tea Warehouse,
KIRKGATE, LEITH.

JOHN CARNEGIE, judging it would be more convenient for a number of his Customers, has opened a Warehouse, for selling genuine TEAS as imported from China, in that new land, on the east side and nigh the head of the Kirkgate, Leith, where he proposes to serve the Public with good Teas, and not a farthing advanced in the price, viz. Best Hyson, 7 s. to 8 s.—Singlo, 3 s. 6 d.—Shoushongs, 4 s. 6 d. to 6 s.—Pecko fort, 4 s. 6 d. to 5 s. 6 d.—Congos, 3 s. to 3 s. and coarse Black, 1 s. 10 d. to 2 s. 2 d.

J. C. most respectfully returns thanks to his customers for past favours, and begs leave to observe, That as no dealer in the Kingdom can purchase on better terms, so he flatters himself that none will or can sell lower; and will always have on hand a stock of high-flavoured Teas, well worth the attention of families and the public.

Those who take chests will have a reasonable discount for ready money.

N. B. He carries on his Tea and Spirit trade as formerly, foot of St Andrew's Street.

ARRIVED at LEITH.—May 21. Friendship, Craigie, from Kirkwall, with goods; Two Brothers, Kidd, from Arbroath, with goods: Diligence, Syme, from Wemyss, with grain; Christian, Monson, from Stornoway.

Just published,

And Sold by M. Gray, front of the Exchange, EDINBURGH,

CRUDEN's CONCORDANCE. Last edition.
Doddridge's Paraphrase on the New Testament, 6 vols. 1 l. 10 s.
Sermons Doctrinal and Practical, by D. Grant, Newcastle, 2 l. 6 d. sewed.
Fraser on Sanctification, 3 s.
——'s Communion Sermons, 1 s.
Edwards on Justification, 3 s.
——'s Life and Sermons, 2 s. 6 d.
——'s History of Redemption, 5 s.
Walker of Truro's Christian, 2 s. 6 d.
——'s Tracts, &c. 1 s. 4 d.
Dickenson's Letters, 2 s. 6 d.
Booth's Reign of Grace, 3 s. 6 d.
——'s Pædo-Baptism, 4 s. 6 d.
Moore's Greek Grammar, with the Supplement, 5 s.
Stennet on the Parable of the Sower, 3 s. 6 d.

Haberdashery and Drapery Ware-Room
First foot stair, first door, right hand, below Blackfriar's Wynd.

JAMES HANNA has just got to hand from London and Manchester, and the best markets, a large assortment of the following goods, which he engages all good and all fast colours, he flatters himself it will be well worth the notice of the public, as he was on the spot and chose the goods himself, which he thinks will enable him to sell the goods remarkably low. They consist of a large and elegant assortment of printed Callicoes, of the newest patterns, and also Chintz and printed Cottons, of the best quality; with a good assortment of Irish Linen; plaid, strip'd, check'd, and cross-over Muslins, all *six-fourths* wide; Mousnets for lady's gowns, and Marseilles quiltings for lady's petticoats, and gentlemen's waistcoats; Corduroy, Velverets, Indian Jean; Flower'd Janet, Gold sported Velvet, Dutch Cord, silk Handkerchiefs, Silk and Muslin Shawls and Sashes, with a great variety of other goods, too tedious to insert.

N. B. The above goods is of an exceeding good quality, of the newest patterns, and warranted fresh and found, and must be sold off without any reserve.

This is to give Notice, That

THE Copartnery of John Whitlaw and Company of this place is Dissolved, and that the Business in future will be carried on by the said John Whitlaw, who takes this opportunity of returning his sincere thanks to his Friends and the Public, for the many favours received under the firm of *John Whitlaw and Company*. Those who are pleased to continue to employ him, he shall consider as a singular favour. They may always depend upon being served with goods of the very best quality, and up to the most reasonable terms.

Dunse, May 19. 1786.

A Large Furnished House
Near Edinburgh, and near Sea-Bathing.

TO be LET furnished, in whole or in two separate Lodgings, for such time as can be agreed upon, and to be entered to immediately, the HOUSE in the Citadel of Leith lately possessed by Mrs Hamilton of Wishaw, consisting of fourteen rooms, besides four good rooms in the Attic floor. The drawing room is thirty-one feet by nineteen and a half, and the other rooms in good proportion. There is a coach-house, and stables for seven horses, and every accommodation necessary for a large family. The walks behind the House make almost a circuit round the Citadel; and being situated close by the sea, commands a view of the shipping in the Forth. A servant shows the House.

And to be SOLD—The HOUSE in St James's Square, consisting of five floors, possessed by Mrs Billingsley. The entry to be at Whitsunday 1786.

For particulars enquire at Mr John Campbell, writer to the signet.

Money wanted to borrow,
At Four and a Half per cent.

THIRTY THOUSAND POUNDS, immediately, or at the term of Martinmas next, upon most undoubted heritable security. The interest to be most punctually paid, either in London or Edinburgh; and the borrower will have no objection to be bound to pay the principal in London, when required. The money will be taken either in one or smaller sums, from 2000 l. and upwards.

Apply to William Lumsdaine clerk to the signet.

Turnpike Meeting, at Kinross.

THE Annual General Meeting of the Trustees upon the Turnpike Road betwixt Northferry and Perth, is to be held at Kinross, upon Saturday the 27th of May current; and as business of importance is to come before the meeting, it is expected the gentlemen from the different counties will attend.

Hull, the 10*th May*, 1786.

WHEREAS an advertisement appeared in the Edinburgh Courant of the 8th inst. tending to prejudice the character of Mr George Holdon of Hull, with his friends in Scotland, he thinks it a duty incumbent on him, to acknowledge the many favours he has recived from the gentlemen who have favoured him with the consignment of their goods, and to assure them, he has at all times endeavoured to forward the same with the utmost dispatch, and on the most moderate terms.

But, as some of the masters of the vessels employed in the trade betwixt Hull and Leith, had been exceedingly dilatory, and acted very much to the detriment of the merchants, he declined loading them at Hull; and for the more expeditious dispatch of goods in future, Mr Holden has become agent for the three following vessels, who are now employed in the said trade, and are determined to use their utmost endeavours for the interest of the merchants, whose continued friendship they hope to merit.

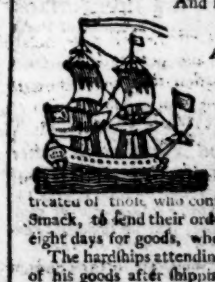
The FRIENDSHIP, Samuel Donaldson.
ELISABETH, Colin Henderson.
SWAN, William Furnish.

For Inverness, Cromarty, Findhorn, & Fort-George,
(One of the Contract Smacks)
The THREE FRIENDS,
JAMES WELSH Master,

Is now lying on the birth in the harbour of Leith, taking on board goods, and will sail the 29th curt.

For freight or passage apply to John Watson merchant, Leith, or the master on board.

FROM KIRKCALDY TO LONDON.
And from LONDON to KIRKCALDY.



The Smack YOUNG,
ANDREW HERDMAN Master.
(Built for the Trade)

The Young sailed from Kirkcaldy the 17th current, for London, and will take in goods at Hore's Wharf, for the different towns in the county, and on the coast of Fife, to be delivered at Kirkcaldy. It is intreated of those who consider it convenient to encourage this Smack, to send their orders immediately, as she will only lie eight days for goods, whether load or not.

The hardships attending the merchant, from the detention of his goods after shipping, expence of unshipping, cellaring at Leith, reshipping on board the Kirkcaldy boat, and the damage tender goods are thereby liable to by breakage, &c. may now be removed.

A cellar for the reception of goods will be kept at Kirkcaldy.—Apply to Francis Robertson, merchant there.

SALE OF SHEEP.

TO be SOLD by public roup, upon Tuesday the 23d day of May 1786,

The WHOLE STOCK of SHEEP upon the farm of Blackhope, lying in the parish of Herriot, and county of Edinburgh, consisting of Ewes and Lambs, Gimmers, Wedders, and Hogs, &c. The Sheep, amounting in all to about sixty score, are in good condition, and of the very best kinds, a great part of them having been bred upon the farm.

The roup to proceed upon the farm at eleven o'clock forenoon.

For particulars apply to Mr Young writer, West Bow, Edinburgh.

N. B. An Experienced SHEPHERD WANTED, who will meet with proper encouragement, by applying as above.

A Farm in Fife to Let.

TO be LET for nineteen years, and entered to at Michaelmas 1787, the Farm of KIRKTON BARNS, lying within half a mile of Ferry-Porton-Craig, and one mile of Newport, opposite to Dundee. This farm contains 440 acres, and is generally allowed to be one of the best and most improveable farms in that part of the country.

For further particulars apply to Dr John Gillespie of Kirkton, the proprietor, or Patrick Anderson clerk to the signet, to either of whom proposals in writing may be given in betwixt and the 1st day of October next, and such offers as are not accepted shall be kept secret if required.

House, Offices, &c. in the Neighbourhood of Edinburgh.

To be LET, for one or more years, and entered to at the present term,

THAT large and commodious House with the ground and offices at the Abbeyhill, as lately possessed by Mr Erskine of Marr.

The house consists of three storeys, containing a handsome dining-room and drawing-room, five bed-rooms, with closets, &c. hall, lobby, kitchen, larder, milk-house, and wine cellar. The kitchen is large and completely fitted up with all proper fixtures, and the cellar with catacombs. There are likewise two other bed-rooms newly built over the kitchen, with a bed and dressing closet in each; and adjoining to the kitchen there is a house, consisting of servants apartments, and an ale cellar with catacombs. There is a pump-well and wash house, with coach-house, hay-loft, byre, and a stable for six horses.

The ground consists of about an acre and half, and is remarkably pleasant in situation.

Any person inclining to know further particulars will please apply to Laurence Inglis writer, Merchant Street.

TO LET,

THE House of South Coats, Garden, and Offices, lying a little west of the New Town of Edinburgh, belonging to the heirs of James Finlay, Esq; of of Wallyford, presently possessed by James Anderson, Esq; of Mounie.

The House to be let with or without an Inclosure of twenty-three Acres.

As also to Let, An Inclosure of about sixteen Acres, laid down in grass, lying at Colt Bridge, part of the farm of Munayshall.—To be entered to at Whitsunday next.

For particulars apply to Harie Guthry, jun. writer in Argyle Square.

To be SOLD, and entered to at Whitsunday 1787,

THE VILLA at Fountainbridge, called the GROVE, being the property of Lord Colvill, consisting of a commodious dwelling-house, with good offices and above seven Scots acres, conveniently and agreeably laid out in grass fields, gardens, and pleasure grounds.

The purchaser is inclined to purchase will be shown the premisses at any reasonable time, by the gardener living on the spot; and for further information may apply to William Lumsdaine clerk to the signet, New Street, who will acquaint them with the conditions and all particulars.

Houses, &c. in Leith, for Sale.

TO be SOLD by private bargain, That large TENEMENT of Houses, Cellars, and Vaults, lying in St Andrew's Street, South Leith, presently possessed by Mr Duncan Robertson wine-merchant, and others.

The ground storey consists of two houses, having a shop in each of them; and in a court, entering through the middle of the tenement, there are two good dry-ware cellars, three large vaults, neatly fitted up with catacombs, a stable for three horses, and a number of small cellars.

The first storey consists of two good lodgings—one of them having a dining-room, drawing-room, three bed-rooms, with kitchen and closets.—The other, a dining-room, three bed-rooms, with a kitchen and garret room.

The garret storey consists of three dwelling-houses, with sundry apartments.

Also to be Sold, a WRIGHT's SHOP and YARD, with several neat small dwelling-houses, in a court lying at the back of the foresaid tenement, and entering by Liddel's Close, having a well of good water belonging thereto.

For particulars apply to William Giles, brewer in Leith, who will show the premisses.

LANDS TO BE SOLD.

THE Lands of CARFIN, consisting of about 500 acres of arable ground, pleasantly situated upon the river Calder, within two miles of the market-town of Hamilton, fourteen miles from Glasgow, and thirty-three from Edinburgh, and having good roads to all these places. There is a commodious dwelling-house and a considerable quantity of planting upon the premisses. The purchaser may enter to the possession of 121 acres out of lease; and the free rental of the whole lands, if set, exclusive of the dwelling-house and garden, will be upwards of 300 l. Sterling.

As also, the Two Merk Land of OVERMUIR, and the Four Merk and Forty Penny Land of GLENS, lying in the parish of Loudoun and shire of Ayr. These lands measure upwards of 700 acres, and the present rent thereof is only 115 l. 10 s. besides which the tenants pay great part of the public burdens.—And likewise the *Superiority* of the Lands of *Ladystown* and others, which affords a freehold qualification in the county of Ayr.

The time of sale will be mentioned in a future advertisement; and any person who wishes to be informed of particulars, in the mean time, may apply to Joseph Cauvin, writer to the signet, Edinburgh.

Sale of Lands in Perthshire.

TO be SOLD, by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse in Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 21st of June next, at five o'clock in the afternoon,

THE EASTER or SUNNY HALF of the LANDS of WESTER ENOCH, and teinds thereof. As also, Two Third Parts of the Lands of WESTER INVERCHROSKIE, lying in the parish of Kirkmichael, and shire of Perth in two separate lots.

The first Lot to consist of the Sunny Half of the lands of Wester Enoch, with the teinds thereof, yielding of gross rent about 18 l. Sterling.

And the Second Lot, of the Two Third Parts of the Lands of Inverchroskie; yielding of gross rent about 17 l. Sterling.

Both lots hold of subjects superior, for payment of small feu-duties. And, being out of lease, of pretty large extent, and capable of great improvements, a rise of rent, upon a very moderate expenditure, may be reasonably expected.

The title-deeds and articles of roup, are in the hands of George Andrew writer in Edinburgh; to whom such as intend to become purchasers, and are desirous of further information, are requested to apply.

Lease of a Flour and Barley Mill

NEAR INVERNESS.

TO be SOLD by public roup, upon Wednesday the 14th of June next, betwixt twelve o'clock noon and two o'clock afternoon, within the house of Mr Munro, vintner in Inverness,

The Lease of the FLOUR and BARLEY MILLS at the Millburn, about half a mile from Inverness, with the Lands annexed thereto, of which lease sixty years are unexpired. There are four years to run of a subtack of these subjects, at 27 l. Sterling of yearly rent, payable at two different terms, but which subtack may, perhaps, be given up in favour of the purchaser.

The water which supplies the mill runs through the middle of a park belonging to it, which could easily be converted into a bleachfield, and which would certainly meet with encouragement, there being no other within twenty miles of Inverness.

Intending purchasers may correspond with Mrs Livingston at Inverness, who will inform of the particulars, and treat for a private bargain before the day of sale.

TO be SOLD, by public auction, for behoof of creditors, within the Exchange Coffeehouse of Edinburgh, on Wednesday the 24th day of May current, betwixt the hours of six and seven o'clock afternoon,

The Following Subjects,

In the Lots after mentioned, viz.

LOT I. A Lease of the House, Offices, Garden, and Shrubbery of STONEYBANK, in the neighbourhood of Musselburgh, with two small Parks adjoining thereto, as presently possessed by Mr Kempt.

The house and offices are very complete, and neatly finished and fitted up; the garden and shrubbery have been well kept, and are in excellent order. The situation of the whole is delightful, and well suited for the accommodation of a genteel family.

The tack, so far as respects the two parks, expires at Candlemas; and the house, garden, and shrubbery at Whitsunday 1799. And the whole may be entered to immediately.

The upset-price of this lot will be Two Hundred Guineas.

If purchasers incline, they may also have a park, containing about six or seven acres of ground, set to Mr Kempt for the same number of years as the house of Stoneybank.

LOT II. The DWELLING HOUSE in Reid's Close, Canongate, consisting of dining-room, drawing-room, and bed-rooms, with two flower plots, washing-house, and other conveniencies, as presently possessed by Captain Graham, at the yearly rent of 25 l. Sterling; and let for another year after Whitsunday at the same rate.

The upset-price of this lot is now reduced to 200 l.

LOT III. Two other DWELLING-HOUSES in Reid's Close, the one consisting of parlour, dining-room, six bed-rooms, and kitchen, possessed by Colonel Gordon.—The other, consisting of three rooms, with back ground, summer-house, &c. possessed by Mr Mathie, with a coach-house, and stable with three stalls, and hay-loft.

The upset-price of this lot will be only 300 l. Sterling.

The tack of Stoneybank, and title-deeds of lot 2d, and 3d, will be seen, and every necessary information given, on applying to Thomas Adair clerk to the signet.

Sale of Lands in Ross-shire.

TO be exposed to public roup, within the Royal Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 28th day of June 1786, between the hours of five and six afternoon,

The Lands of WESTER KESSACK, with the mills, teinds, parsonage and vicarage thereof. The lands of Kilmuir, salmon fishing of the Stell of the Ness of Kilmuir, and the lands of Easter Sligo, with the salmon fishing thereof, and the mills of Kilmuir and Easter Sligo, with the teinds, parsonage and vicarage of the same, all lying in the parish of Kilmuir and county of Ross.

The most considerable part of these lands having a south exposure, are pleasantly situated upon the side of the Moray frith. They afford many pleasant situations for building, are within sight of the town of Inverness, from whence they are not distant above two miles, including the ferry of Kessack. They lie in a fertile country abounding with all sorts of game, and are plentifully supplied with all kind of provision from the market of Inverness.

The lands are all let to one tenant, whose tack expires at Whitsunday 1788, and the yearly free rent, after deduction of all taxations, is 130 l. Sterling. The greatest part of the lands hold of the Crown, and are valued in the cess-books of the county considerably above what is necessary to entitle a proprietor to vote for a member of Parliament, and some part of them hold of the town of Inverness for payment of a trifling feu-duty.

The progress, which is clear, conditions of roup, and plans of the lands, may be seen in the hands of Edward Bruce clerk to the signet.

Sale of Plewlands, &c.

TO be SOLD by public voluntary roup, within the Exchange Coffeehouse in Edinburgh, upon Wednesday 12th July 1786, at six o'clock afternoon,

I. The Lands of PLEWLANDS, with the Teinds and Pertinents, lying in the parish of Dalmenie, and sheriffdom of Linlithgow. These lands consist of upwards of 55 Scots acres, are mostly inclosed with stone dykes, or ditches and hedges, and pay about 82 l. Sterling of free yearly rent.—They are pleasantly situated upon the south-west side of the Queensferry, command an extensive view of the Frith and adjacent country, and are out of lease. They hold of a subject-superior for payment of a trifling feu-duty.

Any person desiring to view the lands, may apply to Mr Robert Ponton, at the west end of the town of Queensferry, who will also inform as to the lots in which they are proposed to be set up, in case they are not sold in one lot.

II. A FEU-DUTY of 1 l. 15 s. 6 d. 8-12ths Sterling, payable out of the lands of Kirktown of Bathgate, in the county of Linlithgow.

The title-deeds of these subjects may be seen in the hands of Mr David Erskine, clerk to the signet.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

SALE of the ESTATE of REDCASTLE.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within the New Exchange Coffeehouse in Edinburgh, upon Monday, the 26th of June next, at six o'clock afternoon,

The Lands and Barony of REDCASTLE, lying in the parishes of Kilernan and Kilmuir Wester, and county of Ross. These lands hold of the Crown, and are valued in the Cess-books of the county at 1493 l. At a moderate conversion of the victual, they yield of yearly rent about 1200 l. Sterling; and being very extensive, and still in their natural state, they are capable of great improvement.—Their situation is uncommonly agreeable. They lie along the navigable Frith of Beaulie, which bounds them on the south for the space of about five miles. They are distant from the borough of Inverness only about two miles. The soil is of an exceeding good quality, dry and healthy; and owing to the south exposure, the crops are more early than in the most southerly parts of Scotland. The mansion-house is fit to accommodate a large family. The gardens are extensive, and yield fruit of all kinds in great plenty early, and of the best quality.—There is a considerable salmon fishing upon the estate, and white fish and shell fish of all kinds. The low country game upon it is plenty, and all sorts of Highland game within a few miles of it. There is some natural wood, and the plantations upon the estate are extensive, and in thriving condition.

Lieutenant John Mackenzie at Inverness will show the lands, and the rental, title-deeds, and articles of roup, are to be seen in the hands of John Tait, writer to the signet, Shakespeare's Square, Edinburgh; and to whom any person may apply, who wishes to purchase by private bargain.

Lands in Perthshire to be Sold.

BY ADJOURNMENT.

TO be SOLD by public roup, together or separately, on Thursday the 3d August 1786, within the Exchange Coffeehouse in Edinburgh, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,

The Lands of EASTER TULLYNEEDY, and half of the Lands of WESTER TULLYNEEDY, consisting of about 259 acres, mostly arable, lying within the parish of Clunie, and sheriffdom of Perth. The lands are all out of lease, and the lands of Easter Tullyneedy, converting the victual at 12 s. is rented at - L. 90 0 0

And the half of Wester Tullyneedy, now in the proprietor's possession, was last rented at 42 l. converting the victual in same manner - - 42 0 0

L. 132 0 0

Also, The Lands of OVER FORNOCHT, SITALONE, and ROCHSTONES, consisting of about 142¼ acres, besides a right to a large commonty still undivided. The lands of Sitalone and Rochstones are presently out of lease, and are rented at about 20 l. Sterling, and the lands of Over Fornocht at about the like sum.

Also, the SUPERIORITIES of Milntown of Fornoght and of Drumfin, the feu-duty out of which is - L. 1 9 10 8-12ths

These lands lie in a populous part of the country, are near fine shell marl, are capable of great improvements, and particularly have a most delightful situation for a mansion-house, and entitle the proprietor to vote for a member of Parliament.

For further particulars, enquire at James Keay writer, Prince's Street, Edinburgh.

Judicial Sale of Lands in Argyleshire.

TO be SOLD by public roup, under the authority of the Court of Session, within the Parliament House, Edinburgh, upon Wednesday the 12th day of July 1786, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,

All and Whole the six-merk land of old extent of ACHAGOYLE, which belonged to the now deceased Lachlan Lamont of Achagoyle, lying in the parish of Kilfinnan and sheriffdom of Argyle; the proven gross rent whereof, as payable by the tenants, is - L. 53 14 0

As there is no right produced to the teinds, a full fifth is, on that account, deducted from the gross rent. *Inde* L. 10 14 9 6-12ths

The feu duty is also deducted, being 0 6 8 — 11 1 5 6-12ths

The proven free rent is L. 42 12 6 6-12ths

Which being valued in the sale at 24 years purchase, the upset price is - - L. 1024 7 8

To which add five years purchase of the foresaid one fifth of the gross rent struck off for tiend, for the privilege of purchasing the teinds, being - - 53 13 11 6-12ths

So that the total proven value of stock and teind amounts to L. 1078 1 7 6-12ths

It may be observed, that the tenants pay the minister's stipend and schoolmaster's salary, over and above their stipulated rents; and the lands are held feu of a subject superior, for payment of the foresaid feu-duty of 6 s. 8 d. Sterling. The lands are all out of lease, the tenants possessing from year to year at a very low rent; so that the purchaser may take the lands into his own natural possession, or have a considerable augmentation on proper leases.

The articles of roup to be seen in the hands of Alexander Stevenson, depute-clerk of Session; and the rental and proven value, with the title-deeds, are with William Macdonald, writer to the signet, to whom application may be made as to further particulars; and John Macalister, the factor, will show the lands.

Sale of Shops and House in Edinburgh, Distillery at Ford, &c.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within the Old Exchange Coffeehouse, Edinburgh, on Thursday the 1st day of June next, betwixt the hours of five and six afternoon,

The following Subjects formerly the property of Alexander Reid, distiller at Ford, and now belonging to his creditors, viz

LOT I. That Large and Commodious HOUSE and SHOP lying on the south side of the Lawn market, immediately above the head of Forrester's Wynd, presently possessed by James Mitchell tea and spirit dealer, rent 30 l. And that Laigh House or Shop immediately below the former, presently possessed by James Thomson baker, rent 9 l.

The upset price of this Lot 500 l.

LOT II. That DWELLING-HOUSE, lying within the head of Forrester's Wynd, Edinburgh, entering within a small plain-stone court upon the west side of said wynd, consisting of four rooms, kitchen, cellar, and other conveniencies, presently possessed by George Monro vintner. Rent 20 l.

This Lot to be set up at 200 l.

LOT III. A TACK of the MILL of FORD, with a piece of Ground adjacent thereto, extending to two acres and a half or thereby, lying upon the south side of the Water of Tyne, at Ford, ten miles south from Edinburgh, upon the Blackshiells road; upon which there is built a large malt-barn, two malt-kilns, and a byre for feeding cattle. Of this tack there is sixty-two years yet to run, with a power to the tenant to demand a renewal of the tack for the space of 19 years after the expiry of the present tack, for payment of the same rent, viz. 13 l. 7 s. 1¼ d.—As also, a Sub-tack, of which there is to run two years after Whitsunday 1786, of six acres, three roods, or thereby, lying on the north side of the said water of Tyne at Ford, adjoining to the subjects before mentioned, formerly used as a bleachfield, and upon which there is now a commodious Dwelling-house, a complete distillery, stable, byre for feeding 150 cattle, smith-shop and other conveniencies.—The rent payable to the principal tacksman is only 17 l.

N. B. The lease of the principal tacksman is of the same endurance, with the lease of the foresaid subjects on the south side of the water, and to which the purchaser may probably have an opportunity of acquiring right at a very moderate price.

LOT IV. A complete set of Distilling Utensils at Ford, consisting of two copper boilers, eight copper stills, of different sizes, seven worms, eleven tuns with underbacks, coolers, spouts, and a number of casks, and other articles in the still-houses, and brew-houses.

LOT V. Sub-tack of the following subjects, viz. Mill of Cranston with the mill lands, malt barn, and malt kiln, three cot houses, and a dwelling house at the foot of Cranston path, lying in the parish of Cranston, and shire of Edinburgh, of which there is six years to run after Martinmas next.

Eight Acres of Land, lying at the head of Cranston town, with an oven and two onstead of houses, which expires as to the houses and grass at Whitsunday 1792, and as to the arrable land at the separation of the crop from the ground that year.

Two Houses and Gardens, and Two Acres of Land at Cranston, which expires at Martinmas 1792 as the two acres of land, at Candlemas 1793 as to the gardens, and at Whitsunday thereafter as to the houses.

The Lands of NORTH MAINS of Cranston, with liberty to win and carry off lime-stones in the lands of Blackside, for the use of the said lands and houses thereon, which expires at Martinmas 1802.

And also, Seven Cot Houses in the town of Cranston.

The lands in this lot have been very richly manured for for these two years past, and are in high order.

Adam Bruce writer in Edinburgh, will inform as to further particulars, and will show the progresses of the house and shops, the tacks and conditions of sale.

TO be SOLD, by public roup, within the New Inn of Inverness, upon Friday the 9th day of June next, at twelve o'clock at noon,

The Following Heritable SUBJECTS

which belonged to Simon Fraser, junior, late merchant in Inverness, viz.

The Two Closes of Burrow-rigged Houses, situated on the south side of the east street of Inverness; together with the Brew-house, Office-houses, and Gardens thereto belonging.—Also, That House situated at the south end of the garden, on the brae leading to the Society choo.—And, in like manner, a Cellar below the steeple of the Bridge Street of Inverness.

All these subjects are to be sold together or separately, as purchasers may incline. And, on account of their situation and conveniency, they are very eligible for the accommodation of private families and people in trade.

The articles and conditions of sale are to be seen in the hands of James Macdonell merchant in Inverness, trustee for the creditors of the said Simon Fraser.

LANDS IN INVERNESS SHIRE, Superiority in Lanarkshire, &c.

FOR SALE.

TO be SOLD by public roup, within John's Coffeehouse in Edinburgh, on Thursday the 29th day of June 1786, at six o'clock afternoon, the Lands and others after mentioned, in the several lots and divisions following; or in such other lots as may appear more eligible to purchasers:

LOT I. The SUPERIORITY of the six-merk lands of old extent of Arbuckles, lying within the barony of Monkland, and Sheriffdom of Lanark, with the feu-duties payable by six different vassals, being 31 l. 14 l. 4 d. 8-12ths Sterling, of money, with 5 bolls of corn payable in kind, besides the casualties of Superiority which are considerable, as the properties are valuable and some of the vassals in non-entry. These lands hold of the Crown, affording an unexceptionable qualification in the county; and the purchaser may have the benefit of a Crown charter, with an unexecuted precept of sasine.

LOT II. The Lands and Barony of LENTRAN, comprehending the Lands of Rinduie, Holm, and Craigaig, lying within the parish of Kirkhill, and county of Inverness, situated about half way between Inverness and Beauly, the public road between these places passing through a part of the lands, which stretch in a line from the contiguous frith or arm of the sea, to the tops of the hills at the south, where they have sewel with an extent of hill property and commonty; together with the Mill of Kingily, and piece of Ground lying contiguous thereto, being a part of the lands of Bellygrinshill, with the multures, sucken, sequels, and knaveship of the said mill, due and payable out of the lands of Newton, Kingily, and Bellygrinshill, with the shillen-hill, mill-lead, and other conveniencies of the said mill.

The present gross rent of the said lands and barony of Lentran is 157 bolls bear, and 31 l. 17 s. 5 d. 3-12ths Sterl. of money rent. The mill having for some time been discontinued, the proprietors and tenants of the lands thirled have since gone to other mills, paying dry multures only; so that the value of the thirlege cannot be distinctly ascertained till the mill is rebuilt.

LOT III. The Towns and Lands of SHIAN, lying in the parish of Kilmanivaig, and county of Inverness, on the great military road from Fort Augustus to Fort William; together with the lands of Wester Aberchallader, lying in the united parishes of Boleskine and Abertarff, and county aforesaid, with the salmon fishings in Loch Oich thereto belonging. The lands of Shian are holden feu of a subject-superior for payment of 20 merks Scots yearly of feu-duty. They are at present set at 36 l. Sterling yearly rent; but, on a 19 years lease, a considerable rise is offered. There is lime on the ground, and appearances of lead ore. The lands of Wester Aberchallader are to be holden of the purchaser of the next lot, for payment of 5 s. of feu-duty. The present gross rent is but 38 l. Sterling on a lease of six years endurance from Whitsunday 1784; but which may be terminated in the option of a purchaser at Whitsunday 1787.

LOT IV. The Lands of EASTER and MIDDLE ABERCHALLADERS, including KYLACHY, with their proper grasings in Glenbuck, as well as those which formerly belonged to the lands of Kytrie; together with the Superiority of the Lands of Wester Aberchalladers: And also, the Lands of Leek and Invervigar, with the salmon fishings on the water of Oich effeiring to these respective lands.—The present gross rent of which is 103 l 5 s. Sterling money upon leases, which may be terminated by a purchaser at Whitsunday 1787, as to the lands of Aberchalladers, and at Whitsunday 1792, as to the said lands of Leek and Invervigar.—The said respective lands are to be holden of a subject superior, for payment of 20 merks Scots money of feu-duty. There is on the lands of Easter Aberchallader an inexhaustible lime quarry, of excellent quality and easily wrought.

LOT V. The Lands of KYTRIE, the Davoch Lands of COULACHY, with their shealings in Glentarff, Brunletter, and Corryusachan, and privilege of the shealling of Dirachluan; and also, the old Glebe of Abertarff, lands of Clachan, and Achvraid. The lands in this lot are also to be holden of a subject superior for payment of 20 merks Scots money of feu-duty. The present rent or tack-duty at which they are let, is 120 l. Sterling money, by a lease expiring at Whitsunday 1790, but which, in the option of a purchaser, may be terminated at Whitsunday 1787.

LOT VI. The Lands of Meikle and Little ACHINDARROCHS, the lands of ACHTERAMORE, ACHTERABEG, the lands of BALMIAN and CARNGODDY, with the moss thereof; together with the Grasing of Carnoch in Glentarff, and Salmon Fishings upon the water of Oich adjoining to the said lands, as presently possessed by Lieut. Ewen M'Pherson, by a lease current for 19 years from Whitsunday 1785, but which may be terminated in the option of a purchaser at Whitsunday 1792, whereby the present tack-duty effeiring to the said lands, is 130 l. Sterling. This lot also to be holden of a subject superior, for payment of 20 merks Scots money of feu-duty yearly. There is on the lands of Achtera a full grown oak wood of considerable value, fit for cutting.

LOT VII. The Lands of INCHNACARDOCH, comprehending the towns and lands of Balnatua, Balnafedoch, and Bellaoich, with the salmon fishings on the water of Oich and wester end of Lochness, effeiring to the said lands, as presently possessed by the said Lieutenant Ewan M'Pherson, Roderick M'Donald, and others, his sub-tenants, at the yearly rent of 57 l Sterling. This lot to be holden of a subject superior, for payment of 260 merks Scots money of feu-duty.

The lands in lots 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th, and part of lot 3d, are at present thirled to the mill of Abertarff, but each purchaser is to have right to his own multures, with power to build mills if they think proper, which will be an immediate addition to the rental and value of each lot; and there is no doubt that there will be a farther increase of rent on the termination of the current leases, as the lands are of great extent, and safe wintering grounds, being of excellent quality, both for crop and store farms, well accommodated in every respect, with easy access to the south country markets, by the public military road running through them.

LOT VIII. The Old Glebe of BOLESKINE, presently possessed without lease, at the yearly rent of 3 l. Ster.

LOT IX. The PREMIUM of INSURANCE in the Edinburgh Friendly Insurance Office, which effeired to the house and pertinents fronting the High Street of Edinburgh, between Niddry and Merlin's Wynd, being the second storey above the shops, and valued at 2000 l. Scots.

The barony of Lentran will be shown by Mr William Fraser, factor on the estate of Lovat, residing at Inverness.—The lands of Abertarff and Shian by Thomas Fraser at Dalcattick, near Fort Augustus, and by the ground officers and tenants; and the progress of writs and conditions of sale, are in the hands of James Fraser, writer to the signet, to whom intended purchasers may apply for further particulars.

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